

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Specific support for the newly submitted claims may be found in original claims 14-30, 143-149, the detailed description of the invention relating to co-expression of T1R2/T1R3 to produce the sweet receptor, the definitions of e.g., T1R2 and T1R3 polypeptides, host cells, and expression vectors, the Detailed Description of the invention at pages 42-50 relating to co-expression of T1R2/T1R3 polypeptides and examples 3-13 wherein the recombinant production of functional heteromeric sweet taste receptors according to the invention is exemplified.

Based on the foregoing, favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

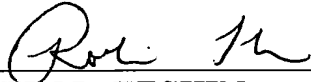
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.
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